

# Subtitle 28 BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

## 09.28.03 Fees

Authority: Business Occupations and Professions Article, §§9-206(a), 9-207(a), and 9-304(2), Annotated Code of Maryland

### Notice of Proposed Action

[23-289-P]

The Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects proposes to amend Regulation .03 under COMAR 09.28.03 Fees. This action was considered by the Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects on November 13, 2023.

### Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to increase licensing fees in order to manage the rising operation costs of the Professional Design Boards unit and improve services for licensees and constituents.

### Estimate of Economic Impact

**I. Summary of Economic Impact.** The fee increases will result in modest operating expense increases for regulated persons, which may be passed on to consumers via higher prices. The fee increases will impact the Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects by increasing its operating budget, which should help maintain the quality of customer service.

### II. Types of Economic Impact.

Impacted Entity	Revenue (R+/R-) Expenditure (E+/E-)	Magnitude
A. On issuing agency:		
Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects	(R+)	Moderate
B. On other State agencies:	NONE	
C. On local governments:	NONE	
	Benefit (+) Cost (-)	Magnitude
D. On regulated industries or trade groups:		
Landscape architects	(-)	Minor
E. On other industries or trade groups:	NONE	
F. Direct and indirect effects on public:	NONE	

### III. Assumptions. (Identified by Impact Letter and Number from Section II.)

- A. License renewal and application rates will remain constant or increase.
- D. Applicants and licensees will pay higher regulatory fees.

### Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

### Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

### Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Zevi Thomas, Executive Director, Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects, Professional Design Boards and Board of Pilots, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, Maryland Department of Labor, 1100 N. Eutaw Street, 5th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-230-6262, or email to zevi.thomas@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through January 29, 2024. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

### .03 Fees and Costs.

A. The Secretary and the design boards have agreed to average their direct and indirect costs, based on the calculation of costs performed by the Secretary in consultation with the design boards. Based on these calculations, the Board sets the following fees:

- (1) License fee — [~~\$76.50~~] \$86;
- (2) Permit fee — [~~\$100~~] \$112;
- (3) Nonrefundable initial application fee payable in connection with:
  - (a) An application for permit — [~~\$35~~] \$39;
  - (b) An application for license by reciprocity — [~~\$50~~] \$56;
- (4) Reinstatement fee — [~~\$100~~] \$112.

B. (text unchanged)

C. An applicant for the licensing examination shall pay [the following] examination fees directly to the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) as these fees are established by CLARB[.].

- [(1) Section 1:Project and Construction Administration — \$325;
- (2) Section 2:Inventory and Analysis — \$325;
- (3) Section 3:Design — \$500;
- (4) Section 4:Grading, Drainage, and Construction Documentation — \$500.]

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